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"THE CONSTITUTION REUNION"

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Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C.

Oscar A. Kafer, III, 32°
Newly Elected Master of Kadosh,
New Bern Consistory No. 3

and

Recognizing our newly elected officers

C. Neil Vester, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Newly Elected Venerable Master,
New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

REGULAR MEETING

New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6
Monday Night, April 9, 1973 — 8:00 P.M.
SPRING REUNION — APRIL 10, 11 and 12, 1973

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Our apologies to Robert M. Boyd, 32°, 1707 High Street, New Bern, N. C., who should have been listed in the March issue of the BAGPIPE as a Fall 1973 Service Award Medal Winner instead of Robert W. Boyd, 32°, New Bern, N. C.

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R. L. Pugh, 33°

We still have a few days in which to make further preparations for our forthcoming "Constitution Reunion". On Tuesday morning, April 10th, the Reunion will begin and we look forward to having the privilege of conferring the degrees upon the largest class we have yet assembled. Of course the exact size of the class will depend upon how diligently our members work between now and the starting hour of the Reunion. Fortunately, the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies are blessed with some of the finest, some of the most faithful and energetic members of which any Valley can boast and we have sufficient faith in them to know that they are going to utilize every bit of energy they have to make this Reunion the best ever.

Unfortunately, I was knocked out of activity for a period of two weeks and I feel that I lost considerable headway. My one big hope is that the interest and esthusiasm of our members will be more than sufficient to counteract the time lost because of my absence. I am now recovering very nicely and expect to be in fine fettle in just a few days.

Keep the three days in mind, April 10, 11 and 12, and, in the custom of our ancient Jewish Brethren, "let those days be as frontlets for your eyes".

Our Reunion comes before Easter this year and we will be able to give sufficient notice of the Easter week services when our Brethren assemble during our Reunion. For the time being, however, please reserve Thursday night, April 19th, at 8:00 o'clock for the "Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights", our usual Maundy Thursday service. So many of the churches are now having a Maundy Thursday service of their own that it has been difficult to maintain a large attendance at our service. Nevertheless, we have a very fascinating program and an excellent speaker, one of our own members, the Rev. and Brother, Dr. Allen C. Edens, minister of the Spring Lake United Methodist Church of Spring Lake, N. C. Brother Edens is also a new member of the 20th degree team, replacing our late lamented Brother William C. Hammond, 32°, K.C.C.H. This will be a most inspiring service and we are anxious indeed to have a full auditorium for the Ceremony.

On the following Sunday morning at 7:00 o'clock we will have our usual Easter morning breakfast. This will be followed by the "Ceremony of Relighting the Lights", and all of our Brethren will be released in time to get back to their own Sunday Schools.

In the meantime, let's get those candidates for the "Constitution Reunion"!

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

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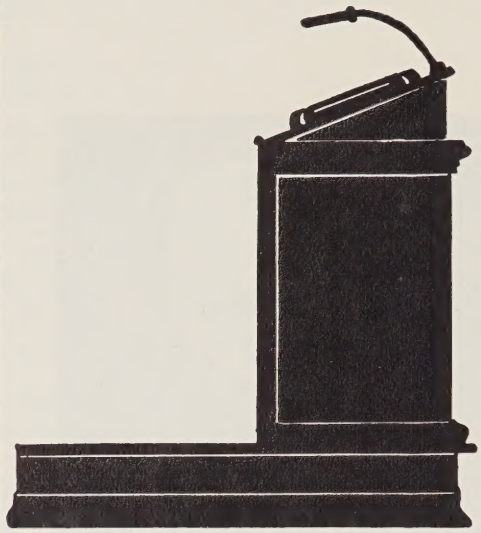

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

HOW HIGH CAN YOU FLY? HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE?

Recently I read an interesting little book entitled, "Jonathan Livingston Sea Gull". I could not help but draw an analogy of comparison with Scottish Rite Masonry. In this interesting book most of the sea gulls were primarily intent on food, going forth each day in search of crumbs and sustenance, never giving a thought to themselves as to how they fly - how high? how fast? how well do they land or take off? and how well do they compare with other gulls?

Jonathan Livingston Sea Gull differed from the others. He was interested in food but not food alone. He was interested in flying but not flying alone. He was interested in helping others. He was interested in speed, height, distance, diving and all of the things that tend to make a better sea gull. He was in his innerself. He wanted to develop his full potentials, and in the end he did just that; he was no longer fishing and hunting for stale bread crumbs for survival. He learned to sleep in the air setting a course at night across the off shore winds covering hundreds of miles and more with the same inner control. Jonathan Livingston Sea Gull flew through heavy sea fogs and over them. He learned to ride the high winds while others could not and stood on the ground in the mist and the rain. He was never sorry for the price he had paid to achieve the best. He was never too busy to help other gulls along the way or too busy to give of his own that others might do their best.

Those who enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry most are those who work at it, who try to live it at its best, and enrich it by their own daily living, and are steadfastly looking for more light and knowledge. Scottish Rite Masonry provides the road but it is up to us to do the walking. Where it leads depends upon you and what you do with it. It can carry you up into the mountain tops of learning if you want to go, or it can leave you in the misty flats below, living on stale crumbs if you choose to go no higher and no further.

Does it not lift you up to see others who are lifted up and enjoying every minute of it? I ask you now to take a close look at Jonathan Livingston Sea Gull. He was not content with just being a sea gull, he wanted to be a good one, the best, and he was willing to work toward that end.

Think of the hundreds of obligations that are ignored in our movement, the valuable lessons not adherred to in each degree and the countless promises not kept. How well do we fly? - and how high? and how well do we help others?

In this movement of ours, the sky is the limit, but you must want it, work at it, study it and then try to live it. Therein lies the glory and the beauty of Scottish Masonry.

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April 10, 11 and 12, 1973

New Bern, N. C.

Ill. James G. Johnston, 33°

Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C.

Three days of moral and spiritual enlightenment. On this occasion we are utilizing the Tuesday evening dinner hour as "The Awards Night". At this time we will not only present the jewel awards to those who have earned them, but we will also award the Fifty Year Veteran Caps to five of our Brethren who have just become eligible for this award. They will be seated at the head table for adequate recognition.

On Wednesday evening, the Inspector General in North Carolina, Ill. Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, will address the Brethren assembled in the banquet hall. This has been designated as the Inspector General's evening and we look forward to having our beloved Inspector General with us.

Thursday evening banquet hour is designated as the "Class Night". At this time the class of candidates will present the program it has prepared.

Maundy Thursday Service April 19, 1973

The Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights - an annual observance required of the Chapter of Rose Croix - will be observed in New Bern Scottish Rite Auditorium on Thursday evening, April 19th, at 8:00 o'clock. The special degree team is in charge of the service and they have planned a most interesting ceremony.

This ceremony symbolizes the moment when the forces of darkness had overcome the light and when the world was plunged into the depths of spiritual despair. It is one of the two services of the Easter season celebrated by all Knights of the Rose Croix throughout the Scottish Rite jurisdiction. The other ceremony is entitled the Ceremony of Relighting the Lights, and symbolizes the recovery of light by the spiritual and moral forces for good and this ceremony is held in the Scottish Rite auditorium on Easter Sunday morning beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the morning. It is preceded by a breakfast which begins at 7:30 o'clock in the C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall. The entire service is concluded at such a time that it will permit our Brethren to be back in their homes in time for Sunday School.

For the Maundy Thursday service, which begins at 8:00 on Thursday evening, we are fortunate in having one of our own outstanding members to bring the message. He is the Reverend and Brother, Dr. Allen Cleveland Edens, Jr., who is now serving as minister of the Spring Lake Methodist Church in Spring Lake, N. C. Brother Edens was born in Cleo, S. C. and later served as Chaplain in the U. S. Army. His Blue Lodge membership is in the Fort Bragg Lodge No. 667 of Spring Lake and he became a 32° Mason during the Fall Reunion of 1947.

Brother Edens has an excellent background as a student of religion. After obtaining his Bachelor of Arts Degree he then continued his studies until he received his Master of Religious Education Degree. Subsequently he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Divinity because of his outstanding service in the field of religion.

Brother Edens has served as a Methodist Minister for a period of 31 years retiring as Chaplain of the U. S. Army on the 1st of July 1967, while serving as Post Chaplain, Fort Polk, La. In the past 5½ years he has served as Pastor of the Spring Lake United Methodist Church, Spring Lake, N. C.

During his service as an Army Chaplain he was decorated with the Purple Heart and also received the Army Commendation Ribbon with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Brother Edens is also a member of the York Rite, having served as Past Commander in Junction City, Kansas. He is also a Past President of the Sojourners and a Past Commander of the Heroes of '76.

He is married and is the father of two daughters and two sons. He also claims distinctive membership in that proud group of grandfathers, being the possessor of two grandchildren.

Brother Edens is well qualified to speak on the topic for this occasion and the New Bern Knights of the Rose Croix Chapter are happy to welcome him for this purpose.

HERE'S THE ITINERARY FOR THE WIVES OF THE CANDIDATES

YOU SIMPLY RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY. WE HANDLE ALL THE DETAILS.

Tuesday

9:00 A.M. to
11:30 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Sts., New Bern, N. C. Handsome souvenir for each candidate's lady who attends the Reunion.
12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle, Spooners Creek, and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple
7:30 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:15 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:30 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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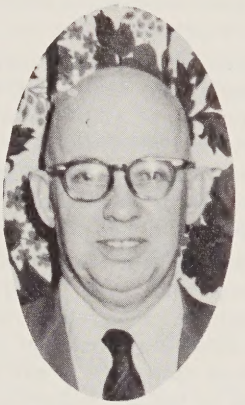

Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°

Maundy Thursday

April 19, 1973

8:00 P.M.

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Prayer ..... Billy G. Haire, 32°

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address ..... Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light, when the Columns and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

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Easter Sunday

April 22, 1973 — 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor
Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

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Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

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Robert L. Pugh, 33°, ... Recorder

"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

I just heard on the news that the Equal Rights Amendment so ardently sponsored by some women's groups is in trouble. Thank heavens!

Although I have a marked degree of baldness and other indicators that the springtime of youth is well behind me, I have not yet become so doddering that I want women to be MY equal. My goodness! Why would anyone wish to pull women down like that?

I have seen a few, but enough, of these women who have apparently tried to defeminize themselves and the result isn't something you want to look at twice. It most definitely is *not* something that needs to become widespread.

Most women, thankfully, are keenly aware of their superiority to men and do not have any intention whatsoever of becoming man's equal. We can enact all the laws we want to, and can amend the Constitution all over the place, but women - the great majority of them, at least - will keep right on being superior to men.

What they are trying to do with this amendment is biologically impossible and it is a sad commentary on our supposedly learned leaders that the futility of it all has not been long since recognized and more realistic goals established.

Perhaps we should begin planning for

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

weekend excursions to Mars; or we could look for something that would enable us to eat all we want without gaining weight; we could seek to completely eliminate crime, pollution, poverty, or television commercials. Each of these goals would be unlikely of attainment but at least all of them are within the realm of possibility. Equalize men and women? Never!

It has been suggested that the shoe should be on the other foot, that perhaps we need an amendment making men equal to women. Here again biology gets in the way, but the idea does evoke some fascinating speculation. It gets pretty difficult, however, to visualize a man winning some argument by rushing tearfully into the bedroom, there casting himself upon a bed shaking with his sobs and kicking feet. Enact all the legislation you want to, a man just does not have the sense of timing, the histrionic ability, or enough faith in the implausible to pull it off. I don't have any illusions at all about what would happen in our house if I ever tried such a stunt; Mary Frances would phone the kids and say, "Your Daddy just flipped!"

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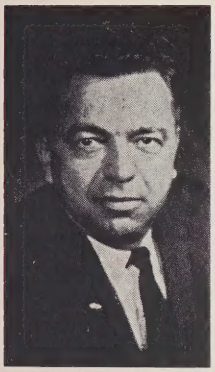
Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

An article recently appeared in a magazine titled, "A Matter of Laugh or Death". It said that people just don't laugh enough any more, and that's bad. The loss of a hearty laugh is a serious sympton for it is a sign our overall way of life is far out of harmony.



So, this month the bag decided to leave off all wisdom, philosophy, and deep thinking stuff. It is going to attempt to give you a laugh or two. If it works - good! "Physically," says the article, "there is nothing like a good laugh for what ails you."

"I was outspoken at the Woman's Club meeting today, dear," remarked Mrs. Smith.

"Hm-m! hm-md", her husband. "Who outspoke you?"

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Once upon a time a man got up early on Sunday morning to let the iceman in, and having trouble finding his bathrobe, he slipped on his wife's kimono. When he opened the door he was greeted with a big kiss by the iceman. And the only way he can figure it out was that the iceman's wife had a kimono just like the one he had on.

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He - "Adam would have been perfect, I suppose, if Eve had only been made first."

She - "How do you mean"?

He - "Well, she would have bossed the job of making Adam."

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Two men, Smith and Jones were discussing the merits and otherwise of their respective wives.

"You know, " said Smith, "my wife tells me that almost every night she dreams that she is married to a millionaire."

"You're darn lucky," replied Jones. "Mine thinks that in the daytime."

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Quadruplets: Four crying out loud.

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"Hey!" cried Satan to the new arrival, "you act like you own the dump."

"I do. My wife gave it to me."

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"No, thank you, I'll stay at home," said the man who had been invited to go to the zoo. "My eldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook's as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go somewhere I want a change!"

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"Mamma, do all angels fly?"

"Yes, Willie, why do you ask?"

"Cause I heard Dad call the new hired girl an angel the other day. Will she fly, too?"

"Yes, Willie, tomorrow."

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Mr. Cutting: "Woman is nothing but a rag, a bone, and a hank of hair."

Mrs. Cutting: "And man is nothing but a brag, a groan, and a tank of air."

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"My wife is so tender hearted she won't even whip cream."

"That's nothing. My wife won't beat rugs, and tears come to her eyes every time she has to skin those helpless little onions."

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"Do you know why they call our language the Mother Tongue?"

"Because Father never gets to use it."

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In closing - a toast:

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Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 10, 1973

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Ophille, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom Cathey.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, W. E. Gardner and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallis Willis, Odell Merrill, Sam Taylor and W. J. Ipock, Jr.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan and Pete McSorley.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshal Harvey.
12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

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6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant and Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, April 11, 1973

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Wm. G. Haire and Charles A. Litchfield.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards, Bill Fordham and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

22°—
23°—
Communicated.
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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Inspector General's Night.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall and Bill Blair.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, W. M. Rhodes and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 12, 1973

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette, Walter Lamm and Mark Ellis.
3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.
4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson and Neil Vester.

3:45 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall and C. W. Guptill.

5:45 P.M. —Class Banquet closing Reunion.

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WHAT TO DO WITH MISTAKES

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

To discover that one has made a very serious mistake that may have somewhat disastrous consequences following in its train is one of the tragic experiences of life. And when that mistake is wrapped up within its consequences by those who are in no sense responsible and for whose safeguarding and well being we may perhaps be partly held, and seem to implicate others, it makes the experience all the more bitter and distressing.

And yet it is true that the mistakes we make in life, and even the great and significant mistakes, are not of necessity to be reckoned among its greatest tragedies and most bitter experiences. What we do with them after we have made them is the thing that counts and decides the degree of fatality and misery that will cling to the mistakes we have made. It is often the portion of mortal man to have to enter into the Chamber of Reflection. There one has his mistakes to march by in regular and steady sequence before the eyes of his naked soul and mind. It is not a very comforting experience for the best of us. One of the very outstanding things about life is its strange power of recovery. There is an ability given to man which enables him to rise above his mistakes. Man may be made of the earth; but, his destiny is with God. It is a kind of persistent instinct for making good on mistakes and failures and for covering them over with some fair mantle that will not only hide them from view but will immeasurably take from them their power to work a too permanent and fatal harm. We talk about irrevocable mistakes, but if we are wise, and are ready to cooperate with that strange working that is instinct in all of life, there need be a very few of them on our list.

Of course we will try to make as few mistakes as possible if we are sensible and intelligent and right minded people, and especially those mistakes of the more serious and far-reaching kind. But having made them - as we most surely will, do our best - the thing to do is not to get panicky or discouraged or faint-hearted, but to start at once to make good in the most thoroughgoing and unselfish fashion, on a bad situation.

How we can do that in each individual case is a matter of one's own ingenuity and honesty to discover, but when we start out with the feeling that it can be done we have made a very good beginning. That is one of the things which I so dearly love about Scottish Rite Masonry. I never attend a reunion but that I feel my unworthiness. I never leave a reunion without feeling that I have been greatly strengthened and inspired by the marvelous teachings and the wonderful fellowship with the brothers. This is the never ending genius of Masonry: It takes us as we are and makes better men out of the rough materials that make us as we are.

Making good on a bad situation is not always that hopeless second-best performance that we might think it would be, as many a man has discovered. The earnestness with which he has sought to atone for the mistakes has counted constructively and positively in a most unexpected way. Yes, life being as it is, and our tendency to error and failure so pronounced, what we do with our mistakes is of the most vital importance. This is one of the great tenets of our order. Dare we to believe it intensely? It can make a new man of you and of me. So mote it be!

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held their regular meeting on Thursday night, March 1, 1973, at the Masonic Temple. A delicious dinner of stewed fish was prepared and served by Brother Tom Gardner. We appreciate this service, for it always increases our attendance, and the enthusiasm of the brethren was encouraging.

The more we study Masonry the more evident it becomes that the Masonic life is not as simple as we want it to be.

For example, Jesus once said, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven". And then we read the words that Christ Himself "increased in wisdom and stature" which suggests He grew in maturity. Now the question arises - "Are we as Masons to grow or to be children?"

The answer, of course, is neither one or the other, but both. That is, we are meant to grow into maturity while holding fast to the best of childhood. But you and I need to go in one direction at the expense of the other. Let me show you what I mean.

In the first place, we are tempted to become sophisticated adults. In doing so, our childlike faith tends to give way to cynicism or skepticism.

Instead of trusting people, we are tempted to distrust them, believing they have ulterior motives and questionable goals. And the child's gentleness of heart is sometimes lost to indifference and hardness of heart.

The indifferent and negligence of our brethren leave us untouched. The wayward and careless make us angry and resentful. Also the shining fatalism which claims, "What will be, will be".

At least one other thing happens to us as we move from childhood to the status of an adult. As children we did much pretending but at least we knew what was make-believe and what was real. But part of our adult sophistication is trying to be all things to all persons, a situation which leads us to the point that we finally no longer know our true selves or our real feelings.

Yes, there are dangers and temptations in growing up into adulthood. But there are also pitfalls in remaining a child. For one thing, a tiny infant is, by nature, self-centered, unconcerned about the needs and welfare of those about them. Some of us never get beyond the cradle stage in this respect.

Then too, there is the temptation to see life only in terms of the happy, carefree existence of children, failing to see the need for some sacrifice and self-denial at times.

Perhaps the place where most of us are tempted to remain as a little child is in our understanding of Masonry. For example, ther are those who are content to allow their Blue Lodge brethren remain in the lodges of our forefathers. That is they keep their Masonic perspective on the level of sweet sentiment - of signers of the Declaration of Independence and writers of the Constitution. Their zeal remains a kind of nostalgia or a kind of fairy-tale type of thing that is sometimes sweet, sometimes inspiring, but never challenging or demanding or relating to the realities of daily existence.

Let me suggest that to the childlike wonder of faith, we add patience in the childlike simplicity of faith, we add the willingness to make personal sacrifice when it is needed; to the childlike enthusiasm of faith let us add self-discipline, and to the childlike willingness to forgive and forget, let us add humility, which enables us to confess our own need to be forgiven.

To me, as a "Scottish Rite Mason", these are the qualities which we can present to our "Blue Lodge brethren" which enables us to keep the best of being a child while continuing to grow up gracefully.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, March 4th, at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. This was a covered-dish supper with each member bringing the dish of his choice, resulting in an amazing variety of food. Harmon Davis and Ashley Leggett with their wives hosted the occasion. An Irish motif commemorating St. Patricks Day was the decoration. Supper was served at 6 p.m. with president Karl Vanhorn presiding. Edward R. Edwards gave the invocation.

During the fellowship hour, Lloyd Tippett and his lovely wife Mildred were welcomed as new members. Lloyd is associated with Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance of North Carolina.

Dr. Vanhorn presided at the men's business meeting, Ashley Leggett gave a short prayer. Edward Ray Edwards urged all members to attend the Consistory's Ladies' Night being held Wednesday night March 7th in Williamston, and to take a candidate with them.

Our annual herring fish fry will be held Sunday April 1st at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. at 6 p.m. Members are to bring eating utensils only. W. G. Hodges and Julian Vann with their wives will host the affair.

Ashley Leggett announced that the next rehearsal of the 17th degree team will be held at his home Wednesday night, March 14th at 8 p.m.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Dare Scottish-Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met with their ladies at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 1973 at the Manteo Masonic Lodge dining room, occasion: Ladies' Night - Valentine Dinner.

Brother Donald Vance, 32°, gave the invocation after which a delicious dinner of turkey, ham, candied yams, potato salad, green beans, cranberry sauce, asortment of pies, coffee and tea was served by the Eastern Stars.

After a splendid dinner (which was enjoyed by all present) Brother Bob Smith, 32°, introduced the speaker: Brother Francis Clark, 33°, Brother Clark gave a good and appropriate talk on Scottish Rite Masonry with a little humor blended in gracefully.

The President of the Club, Brother Bob Wechter, 32°, thanked the Eastern Stars for preparing such a lovely meal, and all present showed their appreciation. President Wechter suggested we have these get togethers more often and also mentioned having other entertainments for future meetings. However, no definite plans were made for the next meeting at this time.

All ladies present were presented with a nice box of chocolates; compliments of the Club.

Some Club business was taken care of: Club dues were collected and 1973 dues cards issued. One new member was accepted by the Club.

Several Scottish Rite application blanks were passed out to various Master Masons.

Reuben E. Payne, Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

John Campobasso, president of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club, called the thirty attending members to order when it met on March 5 at Franklin Lodge No. 109 in Beaufort, N. C. He reported that there would be several candidates for "The Constitution Reunion" in April. Members were urged to work hard to recruit as many candidates as possible.

Ladies' Night was scheduled for March 24, to be held at East Carteret High School.

After worthy remarks from several of the brethren, the meeting adjourned.

J. D. Lewis, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The second meeting of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club was held in the Masonic Temple in Elizabeth City on March 9, 1973. The following officers were present: John D. Sanderlin, President; M. L. Spruill, Vice-President; and C. E. White, Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother R. K. Holloman.

Business concerning the Maundy Thursday service was discussed and the various parts were assigned. Master will be Brother Gideon Kight; Sr. Warden, Stuart Horner; Jr. Warden, Wilton F. Walker; and other Brethren to assist will be H. V. Ranhorn, C. R. Vann, M. L. Spruill, T. R. Dabbs, J. N. Matthews, R.

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K. Toepke, P. S. Grimes, and W. T. Kirby. Maundy service will be held in the Hall Lodge on April 19, 1973, at 8:00 P.M. Easter Sunday service will be in the Eureka Lodge with breakfast at 7:00 A.M.

Plans for a shrimp supper were discussed. It was decided that we would have the supper at 7:00 P.M. on April 7, 1973, in the Masonic Temple, Elizabeth City.

Brother C. S. Jones asked me to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Pugh's letter to the club about the two required meetings.

We are hoping to have a good group of candidates from our area for the Spring Reunion.

Scottish Rite Club Havelock-Cherry Point

In November our club met with 18 members and their wives at the Berne Restaurant in New Bern for a dinner and club election. The following were elected to serve the year 1973: James C. Muse, Sr., President; Jesse W. Gurganus, Vice-President; James L. Smith, Treasurer; and Mark D. Stamps, Secretary.

The Rev. Joseph C. Parker and his wife of Dover were our guests. Rev. Parker installed the officers and gave an inspiring message on Scottish Masonry. (The officers are not to assume offices until 1973.)

On Jan. 4, 1973 our first meeting of the new year was held in Brockway Hall with 17 members present. It was then decided to have our next meeting at A & Francis Restaurant at Salter Path. We expected to have Bro. Ed Blair as our guest and speaker, but it seems a clam bake had a prior claim on his presence, so on February 21st, 27 members and their wives enjoyed a delightful seafood dinner at Salter Path. At each of our meetings our members are asked to remind newly made Master Masons of our next Scottish Rite reunion in April and our clubs usually bring in a good number.

Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

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Inventory	1,292.05
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Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	382,700.60
Total Assets	$486,573.57

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